DARK X MEN

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FOXE
SCHARF
MARTIN

PARENTAL ADVISORY

Marius St. Croix is not a good man and has not lived a good life.

Still, in fulfillment of the promise of Krakoa, he was welcomed to this new mutant homeland with open arms.

He was even given *purpose.*

Emplate's ability--his *need*--to siphon the energy of mutants was put to use determining safe parameters for Krakoa's own intrinsic hunger.

But when that purpose was complete, Emplate found little to anchor him to Krakoa.

Amnesty did not mean *forgiveness.*

BAM

And it turned out that there were some *debts* Krakoa could not absolve...

The South Asian Sea. Now.

...debts that Emplate would have to pay for *in blood.*

SCLORCH

Get them below deck!

There *are no* others.

What about the others?

SCHHHLRRRIP

SWISH

Any of you left in dere, Warren?!

If there is, I'll cut it out of--

SCLORCH

You mind helpin' out, *Azazel?*

Ain't just the Morlocks who need savin' at this point.

I think I'll hold back. My *thrall* seems to be acquitting himself admirably enough for now.

Everyone in safe--

Gah!

No more-- this ends now!

Damn it...

Ow ow ow.

Didn't want it ta come ta this.

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DARK X-MEN

~~Desperate~~ Measures

Madelyne Pryor has assembled her own team to seek out and protect mutant refugees in the face of Orchis' anti-mutant crusade -- though they've already incurred heavy losses with the death, and subsequent body-snatching by Orchis, of Archangel, and near-death of Havok.

Using her powers, Madelyne has been able to tether Havok to life -- but just barely. And as Havok's body slowly deteriorates, so are the tenuous bonds holding the Dark X-Men together.

And while the Dark X-Men's attentions have been focused inward, they've been blind to the outside threat circling them... after all, with Madelyne at the helm, who else would be powerful enough to go against her and her team other than: herself???

1___[MADELYNE PRYOR]
2___[HAVOK]
3___[FEINT]
4___[EMPLATE]
5___[AZAZEL]
6___[GAMBIT]
7___~~[ARCHANGEL]~~
8___[MAGGOTT]
9___[ZERO/ALBERT]

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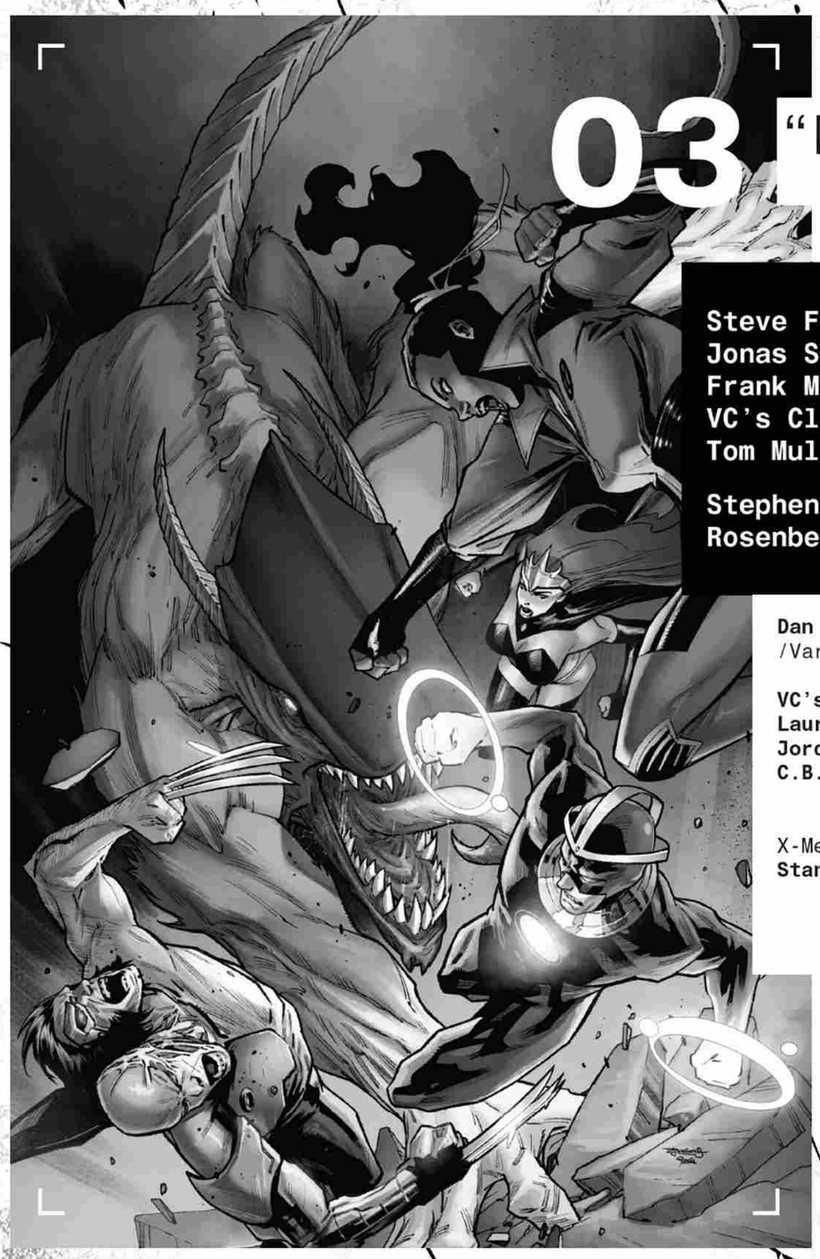

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Querétaro, Mexico.

It seems young ***Marisol Guerra*** isn't going to roll out the red carpet for our arrival.

I hate for our first impression to be guns blazing, but we can't just leave them alone and undefended down here.

Oh, is now a bad time to mention I overran her whole town with cyborg zombies a few years ago?

Wonder if she remembers...

SNIKT!

Hey, what's--

SPPPSSHHHHHH

Spores. Don't brea-- *=cough-hack=*

Hurrkkhh!

Ghhhaak!

Oh crap.

Hope this works...

The slumber brought on by the spores is fast and absolute.

flump

flump

flump

Alex Summers' dreams reflect a mind burdened with unaddressed neuroses.

Kenji Uedo's do not.

Albert is an android.

As distant eyes spy through his own, he does not dream of anything at all.

Uh... hello?

Madelyne Pryor's worst nightmares do not scare her. She has already lived through them.

Sedatives and hallucinogens. Clever girl.

It might *actually* take me a few minutes to telekinetically pluck the spores from my sleeping body.

Let's see what terrors my subconscious concocts in the meantime.

WAAGGHHHH!

Hmph. Predictable.

Oh. This again.

Madelyne...

...we are...

...INEVITABLE.

Crap, am I supposed to keep them from biting their tongues or something?

We didn't even get to talk to--

--Marisol?

Leaving you three-- four?--out here feels *really* wrong...

...but maybe I can get her to undo this.

I promise I'll be *right* back.

BAMF

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X-CORP DATABASE SEARCH RECORDS [ARCHIVED]

File Accessed by: Madrox, Dr. James [Multiple Man]
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Search Terms: “chlorokinesis”; “plant powers”; “plants”; “vegetation”; “vegetation manipulation”; “fungal”; “fungus”

Filters applied: n/a

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GUERRA, MARISOL [FLOURISH]

Known aliases: Creep

Primary mutation: Generative chlorokinesis, inclusive of a wide range of flora and fungal growth.

NOTE: Guerra’s abilities are heavily influenced by her emotional state. When she is in high spirits, she tends to generate grasses, flowers and other conventionally appealing vegetation; when she is in a foul or defensive mood, she spawns mushrooms, toxic spores and parasitic growths.

Major Affiliations: The Jean Grey School for Higher Learning [former]

Addendum: *We’re always in need of mutants with plant-based abilities who can assist with the care and cultivation of the Krakoan flowers, but it looks like Guerra may not be an ideal candidate. Couldn’t find a transcript of her time at the Jean Grey School campus (and none of my dupes spent much time on school grounds), but asked around and learned she wasn’t too keen on enrolling in the first place.*

Seems she had trouble fitting in (hence earning the nickname “Creep”) and felt her talents were better applied back home in Mexico, helping her local community. Hard to argue with that, so I guess Storm didn’t. We’ve got records of her visiting Krakoa, but it doesn’t look like she sticks around too long.

Ah well. The search continues.

-- Madrox

You gon' be an X-Man today, Azazel, or Archangel gon' be the least of your worries.

Spicy.

I'm yours to command, fearless leader.

"Dat's better. Now get me up top...

BAMF

BAMF

Hurghk!

"...and den *get clear.*"

Don't know if you can hear me, Warren, but I'm *real* sorry it came to dis.

Later.

I know it ain't the island, Callisto, but Maddie's ***Limbo Embassy*** might be de best we got left.

The gov'ment's still recognizin' its borders, anyway.

Never known you to--*hnhh*-- put your trust in ivory towers, Gambit. Or ebony ones.

Listen, I've got a dozen traumatized Morlocks below deck and three more we'll have to ***bury at sea***--in pieces.

I don't know if Pryor flaunting her ***Hell palace*** brought death down on our heads, but I ***do*** know the Morlocks have always fared best taking care of ourselves.

You know how to reach me if you change your mind, Cal.

Guess the rest of us gon' take our leave.

C'mon, Maggott.

Yeah... ***about that.***

The Dead Morlock Shanty

Oh, poor old Morlock, your brother will die
Irene says so, Irene knows so
Oh, poor old Morlock, your sister will die
Oh, poor old Morlock

We'll hoist him up under Callisto's eye
We'll heave her up under Callisto's eye

Ain't no egg gonna crack and save him
Ain't no egg gonna hatch and fix her

We'll join them down in the depths of the sea
Where no Sentinels could ever find me

We'll sing them down with long, low moans
And the sharks'll take their bodies

While the devil takes their souls

¿Hola? Marisol?

I recognize goth Jean Grey, Cyclops' fail-bro and that @#$% Zero growing on robot Wolverine.

Who're you? Evil Kitty Pryde?

My name's Feint-- *Carmen.*

That accent Puerto Rican?

By way of *Brooklyn.*

Can we talk face-to-face, Marisol? I know my... *team*...looks scary, but we're here to help.

Oh yeah? You got *another* secret island paradise?

Maybe a trip to Mars?

Not exactly. But we do have a safe space for mutants to--

Safe space?

I've made my home--*my real home*--as safe as I can, Carmen.

Bendito.

And we're not *going* anywhere.

You grew all of this--

To protect the mutants left behind, yeah.

I visited Krakoa a few times. It was nice. I liked that I could *come and go* whenever I wanted.

But there weren't gates all over Mexico, Carmen.

It's *amazing* you've kept your people safe, Marisol.

But you don't have to do it alone anymore. There's strength in numbers--in community.

And there are still *X-Men*, even if they're...

"...not the ones you expect."

÷Cough-hack÷

Well, that was humbling.

But I won't be caught off guard...

...twice.

BA

MF

Wake up.

Ghhack!

BAMF

What the-- Nightcrawler?!

Hiuurkk!

This creature is *a* Kurt Wagner, but not the one you know.

And whatever semblance of humanity it once possessed has been ***consumed.*** It's purely animal now.

Euthanasia as performance art. I can make that beautiful.

SCHLORP

SNIKT

SLIKKTT

Here, doggy, doggy!

CHOMP

Ahahahahaha, good boy!

Move, Zero! I'm giving it all I've got!

Oh god, what's happening to my arms?

BAM!

Don't dwell on appearances, Alex. I love you for what's on the inside.

Where did it...?

Carmen.

‹There are other mutant children at the Limbo Embassy too. And the, *err...demons* can be surprisingly cute and friendly.›*

*Translated from Spanish.

Safety in hellfire. Guess this is what I get for rejecting the school when things weren't ***completely*** gloom and doom.

BAMF

We can still make the best of it, Marisol, I know we can--

CLACK

Move!

Grrr...

GET AWAY FROM THEM!

Excellent, Feint! Let your rage *flow!*

Hrrnnhhh!

BMF

I knew I sensed something *special* about you. A latent ferocity.

The beast is wounded now. Once we take these poor mutants home, we will--

Leave.

It was a mistake to let you in.

You brought that devil with you. We weren't a target before you made us one.

So leave.

Child, you may not have been a top priority for the humans seeking to exterminate our kind, but I assure you they *will* eventually work their way down to your level.

Was *that thing* human? Didn't look that way to me.

I have few unshakable principles, but chief among them is that I will never force anyone to follow my will.

To me, my X-Men...

...there are other mutants *deserving* of our aid.

Miles away. An undisclosed Orchis black site.

BAMF

≠Whiiiine≠

Shush, pet. Let Mommy make it all better.

One asset destroyed, another wounded--and not a single casualty among Pryor's team.

Orchis bankrolls our more...*eclectic* efforts in exchange for tangible anti-mutant results. Toying with Pryor in the ***middle of nowhere*** doesn't achieve that.

Then perhaps our next playdate...

"...should be *closer to home.*"

KRAKOA is for all MUTANTS

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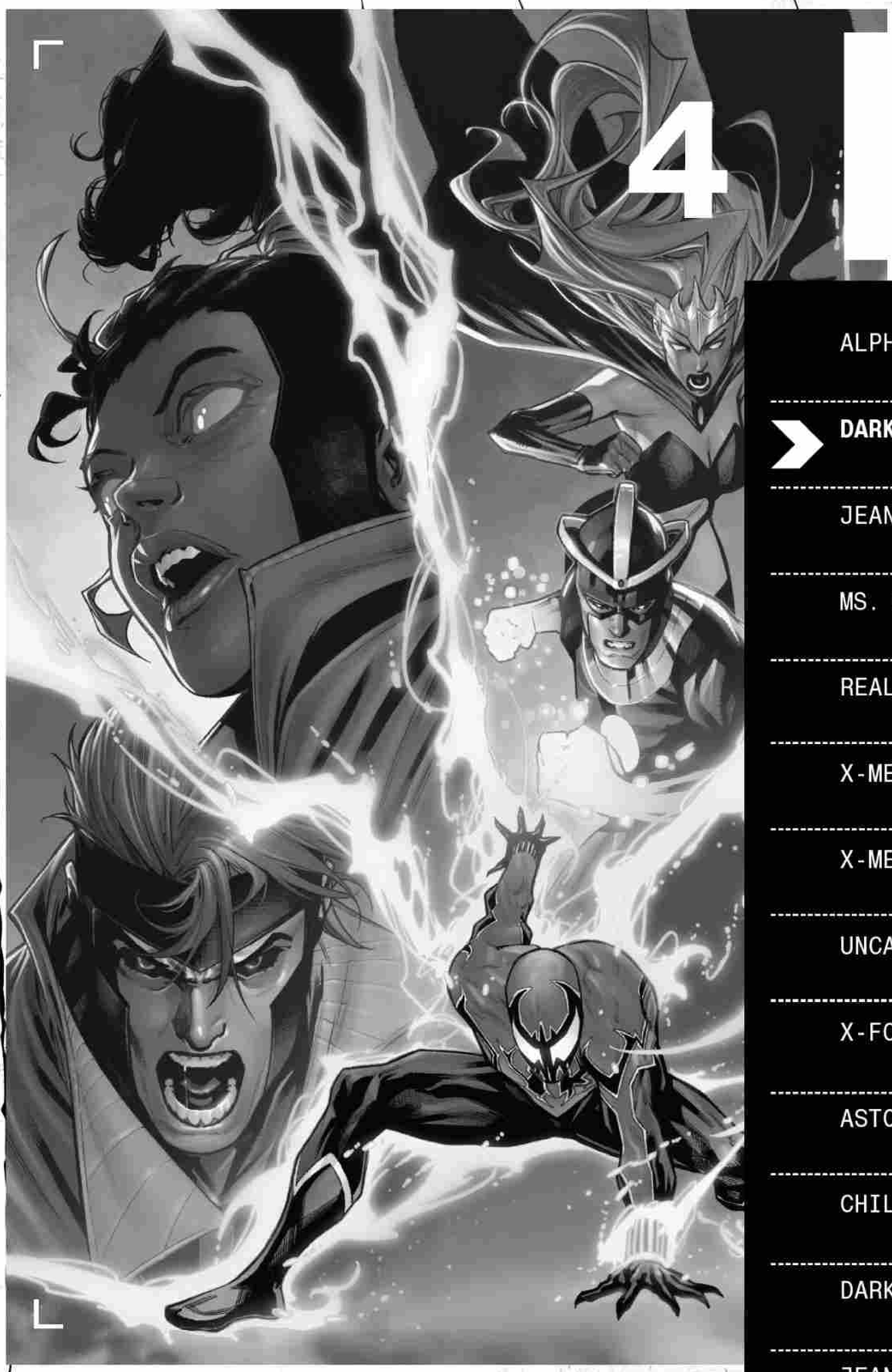

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